

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington Regulatory Field Office Post Office Box 1890 Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890

Attention: Mr. Dave Timpy

**NCDOT Coordinator** 

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: Request for Modification of Section 404 Individual Permit and 401 Water Quality

> Certification: Smith Creek Parkway from US 117 Castle Hayne Road to 0.5 mi. East of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; TIP No. U-92B, New Hanover County; Federal Aid Project No. MANHS-0332(8); NCDOT Division 3; \$475 Debit Work Order 8.2250101 (WBS Element

34747.1.6).

Reference:

USACE Action ID 199603836.

DWO Project No. 011117, WQC No. 3304.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to modify its activities in jurisdictional areas in portions of U-92B. With this letter, a request is hereby made for a modification authorizing additional rip rap on the Southeast corner of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge, Structure 10, Site 3 at Station Y3 20+23 – 22.00m LT. The additional Class I rip rap is required at the outlet end of the 750 mm-discharge pipe for the curb and gutter system. Due to the steep grade at the outlet and amount of flow created during recent heavy rain events, it was revealed that the existing rip rap apron is inadequate, creating erosion and turbidity issues. To alleviate this problem, the Department of Transportation is requesting authorization to construct a rip rap flume that will extend beyond the MHW line. The proposed rip rap flume will extend 13 ft (4 m) beyond the wetland boundary. This proposed modification would result in an additional 120-sq. ft. (0.003 acres) of impacts to Riverine wetlands and waters of Smith Creek.

We are also requesting by copy of this letter a modification of the 401 Water Quality Certification from the DWQ. We have provided a method of debiting \$475 to be submitted to the DWQ for processing the WQC permit modification request, as noted in the subject line of this application, as payment for processing the Section 401 permit modification.

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Sincerely,

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